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SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF SPECIFIC AND COMPOUND DUTIES TO AD VALOREM DUTIES/AMERICAN SELLING PRICE

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1. THE U.S. SHOULD NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE CONVERSIONS TO AD VALOREM DUTIES THAT WE DESIRE DURING THE CURRENT TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS; OTHERWISE, WE ANTICIPATE AN ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATION, PROBABLY LASTING SEVERAL YEARS,DURING WHICH THE PROTECTIVE EFFECT OF THESE DUTIES WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE.

2. THE PARAMETERS FOR THIS CONVERSION (E.G. ITEMS AFFECTED, DEPTH OF CUT, BASE YEARS) SHOULD BE DEFINED AS A PART OF THE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT SO THAT ONLY THE TECHNICAL CONVERSION JOB IS LEFT TO COMPLETE AFTER JULY 15. WE SHOULD INSIST THAT THESE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1978, SO THAT THE FINAL
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DEFINITIVE TARIFF RATES CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE TOKYO ROUND PROTOCOL.

3. POLITICALLY IT IS EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT THAT WE RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE ASP METHOD OF VALUATION. ONE TRADE-OFF WORTH TRYING IS TO EXCHANGE ASP FOR THE RIGHT TO CONVERT SPECIFIC AND COMPOUND RATES

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IMMEDIATELY, USING FOR CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AND ALL ASP
ITEMS AN EARLIER BASE DATE THAN 1976. FOR EXAMPLE,
FOR BENZENOID CHEMICAL RATE CONVERSIONS WE MIGHT WISH TO
USE 1973, SINCE THAT YEAR IS THE FIRST FOLLOWING COMPLE-
TION OF THE KENNEDY ROUND STAGING AND COINCIDES WITH THE
OPEC INSPIRED INFLATION. MCDONALD

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